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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed **Amaziane** (Morocco)

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 94 (see A/55/581, para. 2). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 17th and 41st meetings, on 19 October and 6 December 2000. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/55/SR.17 and 41).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.4 and Rev.1

2. At the 17th meeting, on 19 October, the representative of the Russian Federation, on behalf of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy" (A/C.2/55/L.4). Subsequently, Argentina, Canada, Cyprus, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Hungary, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Mongolia, Morocco, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read:

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"*The General Assembly*,

"*Reaffirming* its resolutions 47/187 of 22 December 1992, 48/181 of 21 December 1993, 49/106 of 19 December 1994, 51/175 of 6 December 1996 and 53/179 of 15 December 1998,

"*Reaffirming also* the need for the full integration of the countries with economies in transition into the world economy,

"*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the countries with economies in transition into the world economy,

"*Noting* the progress made in these countries towards achieving macroeconomic and financial stability and economic growth in the course of structural reforms and the need to sustain these positive trends in the future,

"*Recognizing* the difficulties faced by the countries with economies in transition in responding adequately to the challenges of globalization, including in the field of information and communications technology and the need to enhance their capacity to effectively utilize the benefits and mitigate negative implications of globalization,

"*Recognizing also* the continuing need to ensure favourable conditions for market access of exports from countries with economies in transition in accordance with multilateral trade agreements,

"*Recognizing further* the important role foreign investment should play in these countries, and stressing the need to create an enabling environment to attract more foreign direct investment,

"*Noting* the aspiration of the countries with economies in transition towards the further development of regional and interregional cooperation,

"1. *Welcomes* the measures taken by the organizations of the United Nations system to implement General Assembly resolutions on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;

"2. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, in collaboration with relevant non-United Nations multilateral and regional institutions, to continue to conduct analytical activities and provide policy advice and technical assistance to the Governments of the countries with economies in transition aimed at strengthening the social and political framework for completing market-oriented reforms with a view to sustaining the positive trends in their economic and social development, including, inter alia, through effective utilization of information and communication technologies, thereby contributing to their further integration into the knowledge-based world economy;

"3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

3. At the 41st meeting, on 6 December, the Chairman of the Committee informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4 and drew the Committee's attention to a revised draft resolution

entitled "Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy" (A/C.2/55/L.4/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4/Rev.1 (see para.6).

5. Also at the 41st meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation made a statement (see A/C.2/55/SR.41).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

6. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 47/187 of 22 December 1992, 48/181 of 21 December 1993, 49/106 of 19 December 1994, 51/175 of 6 December 1996 and 53/179 of 15 December 1998,

Reaffirming also the need for the full integration of the countries with economies in transition into the world economy,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the countries with economies in transition into the world economy,[1]

Noting the progress made in those countries towards achieving macroeconomic and financial stability and economic growth in the course of structural reforms and the need to sustain these positive trends in the future,

Recognizing the difficulties faced by the countries with economies in transition in responding adequately to the challenges of globalization, including in the field of information and communications technology, and the need to enhance their capacity to effectively utilize the benefits and mitigate the negative implications of globalization,

Recognizing also the continuing need to ensure favourable conditions for market access of exports from countries with economies in transition in accordance with multilateral trade agreements,

Recognizing further the important role foreign investment should play in those countries, and stressing the need to create an enabling environment to attract more foreign direct investment,

Noting the aspiration of the countries with economies in transition towards the further development of regional and interregional cooperation,

1. *Welcomes* the measures taken by the organizations of the United Nations system to implement General Assembly resolutions on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;

[1] A/55/188.

2. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, in collaboration with relevant non-United Nations multilateral and regional institutions, to continue to conduct analytical activities and provide policy advice and technical assistance to the Governments of the countries with economies in transition aimed at strengthening the social and political framework for completing market-oriented reforms with a view to sustaining the positive trends in the economic and social development of those countries, and, in this regard, emphasizes the importance of their further integration into the knowledge-based world economy through the effective utilization of information and communications technology;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution with particular focus on an analysis that would determine the progress achieved in the integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy.

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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: cultural development

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 94 (see A/55/581, para. 2). Action on sub-item (c) was taken at the 25th and 42nd meetings, on 25 October and 8 December 2000. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/55/SR.25 and 42).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.10 and A/C.2/55/L. 60

2. At the 25th meeting, on 25 October, the representative of Uruguay, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Culture and development" (A/C.2/55/L.10), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
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> "*Recalling* its resolutions 41/187 of 8 December 1986, 46/158 of 19 December 1991, 51/179 of 16 December 1996, 52/197 of 18 December 1997 and 53/184 of 15 December 1998 on cultural development,

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"*Encouraged* by the positive international response to the results of the World Commission on Culture and Development and the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Stockholm from 30 March to 2 April 1998,

"*Noting* the steps taken by Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to implement the recommendations in the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development adopted at the Stockholm Conference,

"*Bearing in mind* the importance of cultural values and cultural diversity as important elements of sustainable development,

"*Emphasizing* the need to enhance the potential of culture as a means of prosperity, sustainable development and global coexistence,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

"2. *Invites* all Member States, intergovernmental bodies, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations:

"(a) To ensure, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, continuous and effective implementation of the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development;

"(b) To intensify further their efforts to integrate cultural factors into their development programmes and projects, so as to ensure sustainable development that fully respects cultural diversity;

"(c) To implement fully the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace adopted by the General Assembly on 13 September 1999;

"(d) To commit themselves to promoting the dialogue among civilizations as an essential process for human development and mutual understanding and for strengthening international cooperation;

"(e) To analyse the connection between culture and poverty in the context of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) as recommended in the Action Plan;

"3. *Encourages* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its work to promote a greater awareness of the crucial relationship between culture and development;

"4. *Encourages* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in conjunction, as appropriate, with other relevant United Nations bodies, to provide support to developing countries, including in particular in national capacity-building, for the implementation of international cultural conventions and protection of cultural property, as well as support and opportunities for the promotion and enhancement of cultural goods and services, especially cultural tourism;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

3. At the 42nd meeting, on 8 December, the Chairman of the Committee, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Culture and development" (A/C.2/55/L.60), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10.

4. At the same meeting, the representative of Nigeria made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China (see A/C.2/55/SR.42).

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.60 (see para. 7).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.60, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Culture and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/187 of 8 December 1986, 46/158 of 19 December 1991, 51/179 of 16 December 1996, 52/197 of 18 December 1997 and 53/184 of 15 December 1998 on cultural development,

Encouraged by the positive international response to the results of the World Commission on Culture and Development and the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Stockholm from 30 March to 2 April 1998,

Noting the steps taken by Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to implement the recommendations in the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development[1] adopted at the Conference,

Bearing in mind the importance of cultural values and cultural diversity as important elements of sustainable development,

Underlining the fact that tolerance and respect for cultural diversity and universal promotion and protection of human rights, including the right to development, are mutually supportive,

Emphasizing the need to enhance the potential of culture as a means of prosperity, sustainable development and global coexistence,

[1] A/53/321, annex, appendix.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;[2]

2. *Invites* all Member States, intergovernmental bodies, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations:

(a) To ensure, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, continuous and effective implementation of the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development;[1]

(b) To intensify further their efforts to integrate cultural factors into their development programmes and projects, so as to ensure sustainable development that fully respects cultural diversity;

(c) To implement fully the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace adopted by the General Assembly on 13 September 1999;[3]

(d) To commit themselves to promoting the Dialogue among Civilizations as an essential process for human development and mutual understanding and for strengthening international cooperation;

(e) To analyse the connection between culture and development and the elimination of poverty in the context of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) as recommended in the Action Plan;

(f) To safeguard cultural and linguistic diversity in the context of globalization and to support action by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in this regard;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its work to promote a greater awareness of the crucial relationship between culture and development;

4. *Encourages* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in conjunction, as appropriate, with other relevant United Nations bodies and multilateral development institutions, to continue to provide support, upon request, to developing countries, in particular in national capacity-building, for the implementation of international cultural conventions, including conservation of heritage and protection of cultural property, and for the restitution of cultural property, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/190 of 17 December 1999, as well as support and opportunities for the promotion and enhancement of cultural goods and services and of cultural tourism respectful of the integrity of cultural and natural heritage;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[2] See A/55/339.

[3] Resolution 53/243.